

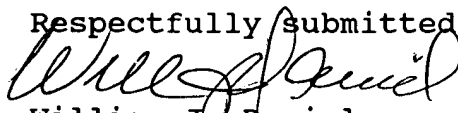
REMARKS

In the original preliminary amendment, applicant's attorney arranged new claims 51 - 64 in interspersed relation adjacent the original claims to which they pertained. This was done because such an arrangement would obviously facilitate consideration by the Examiner. However, since it appears from the notice in question that such an arrangement is deemed in violation of 35 CFR 121, a corrected version appears above where the new claims follow numerically at the end of the original claim schedule.

In addition to the re-arrangement of new claims and in order to eliminate self-evident instances of informalities, several instances of underlining appearing in those claims have been deleted since underlining (to designate added wording) is obviously superfluous in new claims. Also, a row of asterisks which somehow was inserted in claim 57 as filed has been removed and the "status" description inadvertently omitted from several amended claims has been inserted. Otherwise, the wording of the corrected version of the claims corresponds to the initial preliminary amendment, i. e. including amendatory instructions for insertion and/or deletion of worded matter (namely, underlining and bracketing), this being applicant's attorney's construction of the meaning of the bold-type sentence in the first paragraph of the notice.

It is hoped that the preliminary amendment will now be found in compliance with the rules so that the case can move forward.

Respectfully submitted,



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